

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to Govern Open Access to Bottleneck Services and Establish a Framework for Network Architecture Development of Dominant Carrier Networks.	Rulemaking 93-04-003
Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into Open Access and Network Architecture Development of Dominant Carrier Networks.	Investigation 93-04-002
Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion Into Competition for Local Exchange Service.	Rulemaking 95-04-043
Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion Into Competition for Local Exchange Service.	Investigation 95-04-044

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER' S RULING
SCHEDULING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS**

On July 9, 2001, Greenlining Institute (Greenlining), Latino Issues Forum (LIF) and several other interested parties in attendance requested that public participation hearings be convened in the above-captioned proceeding. Shortly thereafter, Greenlining and LIF submitted a pleading urging the Commission to convene public participation hearings throughout the state. Following the all-party meeting on July 20, 2001, Greenlining and LIF further proposed that six

public participation hearings be convened as soon as possible throughout the state in order to give interested members of the public an opportunity to comment on the public interest aspects of Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Section 709.2 of the California Public Utilities Code.

I have carefully considered the requests, and have determined that it would be beneficial for the Commission to convene public participation hearings to gather comments from the public on whether Pacific Bell's entry into the in-region InterLATA market is consistent with the public interest in California. This ruling schedules the hearings for November 5 and November 14, 2001, at the places and times set forth below:

When: Monday, November 5, 2001

Where: Commission Auditorium
State Office Building
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Time: First hearing: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Second hearing: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

When: Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Where: Carmel Room
Junipero Serra Building, First Floor
320 West 4th Street
Los Angeles, California 90013

Time: First hearing: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Second hearing: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

(Places of Hearings Are Accessible to the Handicapped.)

Thus, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. Public participation hearings shall be held in San Francisco on November 5, 2001 and Los Angeles on November 14, 2001 at the times and locations stated above.

2. Pacific shall make clear that the Commission would like to hear the public's comments on whether Pacific's entry into the in-region InterLATA market is consistent with the public interest. Pacific shall also set forth the specifics regarding time, location and accessibility in its customer notice, and submit a draft of the notice to the Public Advisor's Office for review and approval as soon as possible in order to accommodate the company's needed lead time for notice publication.

Dated September 13, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GEOFFREY F. BROWN

Geoffrey F. Brown
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Scheduling Public Participation Hearings on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 13, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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N O T I C E

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